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East Germany

REPORT

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TOPIC **Transfer of the 10th Gds Tank Div for Fall Exercises**

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This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. At about 0400 on 1 October 1955, a column of 8 T-54 tanks left the Kavallerie Schule _____ in Krampnitz for the Satzkorn railroad station. The tanks carried loading beams and tarpaulins. During the loading, the Satzkorn railroad station was restricted.

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2. Between 0330 and 0750 on 2 October, 19 T-54 tanks, 2 armored personnel carriers, 4 repair shop trucks, 6 field kitchens, 1 ambulance, 20 trucks, 3 motorcycles and 11 boxcarloads of personnel were entrained for Peitz-Ost at the Wildpark railroad station. _____

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3. The following loadings were observed at the Wildpark railroad station on 3 and 4 October:

3 October. At 2000, 12 x 37-mm AA guns, 4 medium AA guns, approximately 30 trucks, 1 ambulance, 2 field kitchens and 12 boxcars including 4 with ammunition. The train left for Falkenberg at 0130 on 4 October. _____

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4 October. Between 0200 and 0330, 12 x 122-mm field howitzers, 4 medium AA guns, 4 armored personnel carriers, approximately 25 trucks, 1 radio truck, 2 field kitchens, some 200 soldiers, and 10 boxcars including 2 with ammunition. The train left for Falkenberg at 0540. _____

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Between 0600 and 0930, 12 x 122-mm field howitzers, approximately 50 trucks, 3 radio or repair shop trucks _____ 2 field kitchens, jeep _____ and 10 boxcars with approximately 250 soldiers. The train left for Falkenberg at 1140. _____

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At noon, approximately 20 trucks, 6 x 57-mm AT guns, approximately 25 armored personnel carriers, 1 BA-64 armored scout car, 2 field kitchens and approximately 300 soldiers. [redacted]

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4. The following loadings for Falkenberg were observed at the Satzkorn railroad station:

1 October. At 2200, 12 to 15 T-54 tanks and vehicles.

2 October. At 0330, 12 to 15 T-54 tanks and vehicles.

4 October. At 0200, approximately 15 T-54 tanks, some 20 trucks and 4 boxcars.

At 0330, approximately 10 T-54 tanks and 15 to 20 trucks.

5. On 4 October. the following shipments passed through Wildpark:

0630. A train with some 35 trucks including about 15 with pontoons, 1 three-axle amphibious vehicle, 2 x 37-mm AA guns and 6 boxcars which went from Priort to Falkenberg.

0900. A train with approximately 25 tank trucks, some 35 trucks, including some with ammunition, and some 150 soldiers on 6 boxcars, which went in the same direction.

6. On 3, 4, and 5 October, 1, 5 and 1 train, respectively, went from Satzkorn to the Cottbus district.

[redacted] Comment. At least 11 shipments with units of the 10th Gds Tank Div were loaded, probably for exercises in the Cottbus-Lieberose area. In 1954, the division conducted its fall exercise in the same area. Weapons observed made it possible to identify the AAA Regt, the Mort Regt and/or the How Arty Regt, the Itz Rifle Regt, elements of the medium Tank Regts and the Engr Bn of the division.

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